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SENATOR BROMM: ...not in all areas but where most of that fiber is, it probably would be in competition.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And that's all I'll ask you right now because with a minute, not much can be done. But members of the Legislature, I intend to go into some of the nefarious practices of these phone companies whose agents are running around here. One is this \$1.50 charge for a single billing for your long distance and local calls, and then that gouging of \$1.99 every time you dial 911 for oper...information. They found ways to gouge the public and they're doing it, and they have gotten me on their case. And I'm also going to talk about how Sprint messed over me and hundreds of customers in the past. That's all I'll say at this point though, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Beutler, on the Bromm amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Bromm, if we could pick up where we left off a little bit.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BEUTLER: One of the things that confuses me a little bit about the approach here is that we're talking about a huge fund. We have not talked about how this huge fund will be funded. If you funded it with a telephone bill tax, I assume it would be at least three times as high as the current 6.6-something percent which gets you up to 20 percent plus the 6-something you already have, and then we do know that you've said that you're not coming back for General Funds on this, as I understand it, that this \$250,000 is some kind of seed money. So, you know, really the big question in my mind is why aren't we deciding the big question first? Where is this money going to come from and, you know, there may be a suspicion in some people's minds that this is the opening of the door for General Funds to go into...into this particular fund and be the means of funding it. So let me ask you to clarify. Is...did your prior comments mean that you would not be coming back for any more General Funds in this...for this broadband fund? And if not,